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**MAY 15 2013**

The Honorable Fred Upton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Upton:

Thank you for your May 10, 2013 letter regarding your concerns about the Allied Paper Landfill portion of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

As you know, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is evaluating a variety of cleanup alternatives for this site. EPA will continue to work with the City of Kalamazoo and other stakeholders to address their concerns before issuing a proposed cleanup plan for public comment. Our next meeting with the City and others, including a member of your staff, is on May 16, 2013. EPA is confident that when a remedy is selected it will address all current and future threats from site contamination and will protect human health and the environment.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Gawlinski, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Hedman", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Hedman  
Regional Administrator